

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Erion et al.

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Title: NOVEL PHOSPHORUS-CONTAINING  
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Examiner: McKenzie, T.

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
&  
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2001. With the granting of the foregoing Petition, the time for responding to the Office Action is extended to include Monday, February 25, 2002, as February 23, 2002 is a Saturday. If any fee should become due or credit become payable during the pendency of these proceedings, the Examiner is authorized to charge or credit the same to deposit account number 50-1273.

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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(37 C.F.R. §1.10)

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